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## TWO MORE VICTORIES

The Billings Ball Team Wins  
Games at Both Pocatello  
and Ogden.

## MORMONS SHUT OUT

The Real Truth About the Helena  
Games—Baseball Enthusiasm  
at Fever Heat.

Special Telegram to The Gazette.

Ogden, Utah, Aug. 31.—Billings shut out Ogden today in one of the fastest games ever seen in the state, the nine innings being played in the remarkably fast time of 1 hour and 38 minutes. The score was 5 to 0, Billings making 2 in the second inning, 2 in the fifth and one in the ninth. Hausford and Henry was the battery for Ogden, and McNeely and Zearfross for Billings. Hits—Billings, 9; Ogden, 6. Errors—Billings 2; Ogden 6. Left on bases—Billings 8; Ogden 10.

Won it in the Ninth.

Special Telegram to The Gazette.

Pocatello, Idaho, Aug. 30.—Billings struck a hard game here today, but won it in the ninth inning by superior batting, making five runs, with only one man out. Marshall made his usual home run in the sixth inning, but there was but one man on the bases. The batteries were Hausford and Berkeley for Pocatello, and Harker and Zearfross for Billings. Each pitcher struck out two men, Harker giving four men base on balls and Embanks two. Harker was hit hard, but was well supported and backed up by almost perfect team work. Pocatello has a good team and will give Billings a hard rub for the two games to be played here next week. Score by innings:

Pocatello, 1 1 2 0 1 0 0 3 8

Billings, 2 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 5

All Billings Rejoice.

The good work of the team on its trip has kept the baseball enthusiasm at fever heat in Billings, and every evening crowds line the sidewalk in front of Manager Nix's Sideboard saloon to hear the first reports of the games. Billings has won four out of five games so far, and will undoubtedly win a majority of those played. Today (Friday) the team plays in Ogden again, and tomorrow, Sunday and Monday in Salt Lake. Wednesday and Thursday of next week it plays in Pocatello again, and the following Saturday and Sunday Billings ends her trip by playing Butte, the team returning home on the morning of Sept. 11.

Those Helena Games.

Helena is a hard loser, and the Helena hog was very much in evidence in the recent series of games with Billings. The backers of the Billings nine could hardly get a bet, unless they gave unreasonable odds, and the Helenaites, after the first game, quietly placed their money on Billings for the second contest. Then they were sore because they lost, but did not have the nerve to back their club on Monday, and fancied that they were getting even by roasting the visitors—players and all. The Helena audiences are actually abusive to visiting players and, while they do occasionally applaud a brilliant play, the remarks from the grand stand and the general demeanor of the capitalites towards an opposing nine are little short of disgraceful.

And the newspapers encourage it, too. Their abuse of Captain Rose was wholly unjustifiable. All he did was to protest—as the captain has a perfect right to do—when the umpire made an unfair decision. Rose did not use any bad language, made no threats and only registered a kick when Billings was being given decidedly the worst of it, which was usually the case when the Helena umpire had a close decision to make. And simply because Rose stood up for his rights, the papers roared and the audience gaped and abused him. The first ball thrown to him in the first game split one of his fingers, clear to the bone, and because he was very unjustly treated. All his good plays were overlooked, and he made a number of them, having two clean hits, four put-out and five assists, accepting twelve chances. He handled several hard-hit balls that would have been base hits in the national league, but got no credit for it whatever. But that is Helena's way. She was sore because she was losing, being outplayed at every point, and had to vent her spleen on someone. But Rose continued to play good ball, just the same, which made the Helena hog squeal louder than ever. The captain's record for Sunday was three clean hits, one put-out and three assists, with but a single error, while he got three hits

again Monday, three put-outs, three assists and only one error. Rose is a good ball player, all right, and it is no wonder he is a thorn in the Helena flesh.

And the interference by Zearfross in Monday's game was misrepresented by the Independent. He had been hit in the batter's box by a pitched ball, which he tried to jump out of the way of, but the umpire unjustly called him back after he had taken his base, claiming that he jumped in the way of the ball and got hit on purpose. Everyone in the audience saw the play and knew that Zearfross was being given the worst of it. Of course it was not justifiable for him to throw his bat in the air when an attempt was made to throw him out at first, but Zearfross was angry and the provocation was great, which should be taken into consideration. That was the only "dirty ball playing," about which the Helena papers and audiences made such a roar. But they didn't say a word about the Helena players, on the coaching lines, bases and on the field, applying vile and profane epithets to the Billings boys. There was plenty of that done. Fortunately the profanity could not be heard in the grand stand, but the newspaper reporters knew all about it. Neither did the papers say anything about the disgraceful attempts made Saturday and Sunday nights to get the Billings boys intoxicated, or the offers to bribe them to "throw" the games. There is no doubt about these attempts being made, but the Cowboys spurned all such offers and were true to their town. Besides this, Helena tried to buy several of the Billings players, well knowing that they had been hired for the balance of the season. Offers of this kind were made to Zearfross, McNeely, Casey, Flannery, Scott and others, but the boys all rejected them. And the Helena hog was in evidence again in the offers. For instance McNeely was offered \$75 a month. He replied that he was not working for bootblack's wages, while Casey informed the Helena emissary of "clean" baseball that he would not play with anyone but Billings. Helena had better let up about "dirty" ball. She should learn to take her medicine when she is outplayed and fairly beaten, and not whine and act the baby. You did not hear anything of this kind from Billings, when she lost. She went to work and strengthened her team. And then Helena got "sore" because she was "skinned." That's all there is to the roar she is making about "dirty" ball.

Billings would have won Sunday's game, without a doubt, if Harker had been kept in the pitcher's box, but Manager Nix was advised by the supporters of the team—and it seemed to be the proper thing to do—to take him out. It was impossible, of course, to know that Billings was going to hammer St. Vrain for twenty-four hits and make eighteen runs, and the way things have since turned out, it seems that Harker did not get a fair show. He was scheduled to pitch the game at Pocatello, Wednesday, which was one of the strongest teams in the state, but Billings took them in, and will no doubt win a majority of the games on the trip. Harker is going to show up all right as a pitcher, and we still have hope that Sporer will do better. It was a hard deal he got Sunday, to be put in the box after Harker had been knocked out, and the St. Paul kid may yet give a good account of himself. McNeely, however, is the star pitcher of the state. He is hit freely, it is true, but he always manages to keep the hits scattered, and wins his games. And that's what counts. McNeely has a good head on him, as well as a good arm. He studies the weak points of a batter and keeps the best of them guessing to hit the ball. Billings needs another pitcher like him, unless the present trip proves that Harker or Sporer are all right.

The Billings club is well worth what it cost the people of this city for the good advertising it is doing for the town. For three days everyone in Helena was talking about Billings—speaking of her enterprise, etc., in getting together such a good team—and now it is advertising Billings down in Idaho and Utah. Whether the Cowboys win a majority of the games or not, they are worth the price. Billings has invested in no public enterprise lately that will yield better returns as an advertising medium than her baseball club. Helena is now going to copy after this city, having sent to St. Louis to secure Maupin, who pitched in the national league last year. The capital is also looking elsewhere for ball players, but she needs a new set, badly, and if she has enterprise enough to secure them, that's all right—Billings will never kick.

Casey, the shortstop Billings secured from Ogden, is a peach. He only weighs 124 pounds and looks like a dude in street dress, but on the diamond is fast enough for the national league. He's as quick as a cat, never makes a fumble and throws a ball like it was shot out of a gun, while he is also a good batter. Williams, the new first baseman from Butte, is a good man, too, and there is no denying that

this city has 'got together a team that would make any western league club hump itself to win from.

Scott, Hansen and Marshall all made wonderful one-hand fly catches in the last two Helena games, those of Scott and Hansen being left-handed catches, too. Helena was trying to tie the score Monday, when Scott made his, but he pulled down a long line drive to the fence with his left mit, with ease, and the Helena hog was done for. But all the Billings boys did good ball playing, in all three games. Zearfross didn't have a passed ball in the three games and on Saturday started the fashion of hitting over the fence. McNeely followed suit and Marshall knocked it over on Sunday and Monday, making four pairs of shoes that will come to Billings from the enterprising Helena dealer who gives them away for over-the-fence hits. Every member of the home team hit well, however, while the few unprejudiced people in Helena who understand the game, frankly admitted that the Cowboys are the fastest fielders who have visited the capital this season. Flannery caught eleven flies in center in the three games, Scott getting five in left, and everything that went in those directions was cared for; the "sun field" didn't bother Flannery and Scott a little bit. It interfered with the work of Freeman in right, however, who missed chances on both Saturday and Sunday that should have been outs, and on Monday Hansen succeeded him. He played all right, too, and should be kept permanently in that field.

## TEETERS FOUND DEAD

In His Hut on an Island in the  
Yellowstone About Two  
Miles From Billings.

## ATTEMPTED TO RAPE

The Seven-Year-Old Daughter of J.  
A. Morley and Then Used  
Strychnine.

Tuesday evening, J. A. Morley, a well known resident of Billings, who was formerly employed by T. W. Humphrey, came into town and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Alonzo Teeters on a charge of attempting to rape the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. Morley. Wednesday morning, Sheriff Hubbard went to Teeters' place on an island in the Yellowstone river, about two miles above the city, for the purpose of serving the warrant. He found no one around the premises, but on entering the hut he discovered Teeters lying on the bed, dead. His eyes were blackened, but otherwise his appearance was as usual. Sheriff Hubbard came back to town and placed Mr. Morley under arrest, pending investigation by the coroner. Morley accounted for Teeters' black eyes by saying that when he learned of the attempted outrage, which occurred on Monday afternoon, he went over to Teeters' place and demanded to know if he had attempted the crime, and upon being answered in the affirmative, and Teeters replying "that's what the child was for" he proceeded to pound the villain's face.

Wednesday afternoon the coroner empanelled a jury and together with

The Gazette reporter went to Teeters' place, where everything was found as Sheriff Hubbard had said. The coroner instructed the jury to survey the surroundings. There was nothing to show that any fight or trouble had taken place inside the hut, but there was a smell of some liniment, which Teeters had probably used on his wounds or bruises. The coroner and jury were making ready to leave when the reporter's eye was attracted to a small uncorked bottle, sitting on the table. The reporter picked it up and found that it was labeled strychnine, there being a small portion of poison still remaining, after which he handed it to the coroner, who in turn called the jury's attention to it. The body was then placed in a coffin and brought to town.

At 4 o'clock the coroner, Dr. Townsend, assisted by Dr. J. E. Rinehart, held an autopsy, the result being that they found strychnine in the stomach, and their report was that death was caused by its use, the body, externally, aside from the black eyes, being in perfect condition. The coroner's inquest was held at 8 o'clock, the witnesses being examined by County Attorney Johnston and Coroner Townsend. The witnesses testifying were J. A. Morley, Thomas Cooper, Jas. McKnight, Sheriff Hubbard, W. E. Hassler and Dr. J. H. Rinehart. Cooper and McKnight had been staying with Teeters for a time. At the conclusion of the testimony, the jury retired, soon after bringing in a verdict that the deceased came to his death by strychnine poisoning, taken with suicidal intent. This released Mr. Morley from all suspicion and he was accordingly given his liberty and allowed to join his wife and children.

Teeters was a man about 60 years of age and made his living by selling fish and vegetables on the streets. Whenever he would get a dollar or two ahead he came to town and loaded up on whiskey, and at the time of his attempted rape on the child, was drunk, having been so for about a week. It is thought that in a fit of remorse over his crime, or afraid that he might be sent to the penitentiary, he took the strychnine.

"VANITY FAIR."

A New Extravaganza on the Boards Next  
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"Vanity Fair," Hill's newest extravaganza, is a bright and wholesome entertainment, illustrated, it is said, by a very carefully selected company who are entrapped with the strongest elements in song, dance and farce. High class selections, given form and expression by the best of entertainers, among whom are the following stars: C. W. Williams, mimic; the Harbicks, European sensational act; John Leonard, character comedian; Jennie Fulton, the celebrated opera queen; Williams & Albion, in the latest comic songs; Hawthorne & Parsons, noted vocal artists; Carlin & Brown, German comedians; Edna Melrose, Gussie Hill and a large chorus of pretty girls. The above cast will present the two latest travesties, "A Jay in New York" and "Hotel Girty Girl." Most of the above artists make their first appearances at the opera house on Wednesday, Sept. 6.

HURLINGTON MAKES A RATE

For Excursionists to the Yellowstone  
County Fair.

The local office of the Burlington has been notified that that road will make a rate of one fare for the round trip from all points between Gillette and Billings for the Yellowstone county fair, which will be held in this city Sept. 12, 13, 14 and 15.

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